

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at Col. 4 line 64 with the following:

As shown in FIG. 1, a staged oxygen burner assembly 10 includes a burner block 12, a frame 14 mounted on an inlet end of the burner block 12, and a hollow oxygen-supply housing 16 mounted on the frame 14 by means of removable fasteners 18. A fuel nozzle 20 is positioned to lie inside the hollow oxygen-supply housing 16 and is retained in place by means of a removable collar 22. It is easy to replace nozzle 20 because of the modular nature of the staged oxygen burner assembly 10. For example, to convert the staged oxygen burner assembly 10 from a gas-fired unit to an oil-fired unit, it is necessary only too replace the gas-fuel nozzle module shown in Fig. 3A with the oil-fuel nozzle module shown in Fig. 7. As shown in Fig. 1, removable collar 22 includes an outer surface 220, an opposite inner surface 222 facing toward burner block 12, and an external side wall 224 extending between outer and inner surfaces 220, 222. Illustratively, external side wall 224 includes a plurality of generally flat bounding surfaces 226 that are configured to cooperate with a corresponding socket wrench (not shown). Referring now to Fig. 3A, collar 22 further includes an internal side wall 228 defining a passageway 230 between outer and inner surfaces 220, 222. Internal side wall 228 includes a threaded portion 232 positioned to lie adjacent inner surface 222, a limit tab 234 positioned to lie adjacent outer surface 220, and a recess 236 positioned to lie between threaded portion 232 and limit tab 234. As shown in Fig. 3A, threaded portion 232 presses rear lip portion 75 into engagement with mounting fixture 71 and limit tab 234 engages mounting fixture 71 to support gas conduit 20.

Replace the paragraph beginning at Col. 6 line 19 with the following:

A gas conduit 70 is disposed within housing 12 and has means thereon for directing a gaseous fuel therethrough to be expelled from gas conduit 70 and to mix with the

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oxygen for burning in a sustainable flame. Gas conduit 70 may preferably have one or more O-ring seals 72 disposed at a mounting fixture 71 formed near the outer end of the gas conduit for effectuating a seal with a rear lip portion 75 of the tip 62 of hollow shell 54. As shown in Fig. 3A, mounting fixture 71 includes an outer end 250 and an opposite inner end 252 facing chamber 56. In addition, rear lip portion 75 of hollow shell 54 includes an inner surface 239 facing O-ring seals 72 and an opposite outer surface 240 facing removable collar 22. Threaded portion 232 of collar 22 engages outer surface 240 of rear lip portion 75 to removable collar on hollow shell. In addition, limit rib 234 engages mounting fixture 71 to trap mounting fixture between limit rib and inner surface 239 of rear lip portion 75 within passageway 230.

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Replace the paragraph beginning at Col. 10 line 6 with the following:

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As shown in Fig. 7, the burner assembly 210 includes a nose portion or nose piece 90 provided with a central discharge orifice or annular opening 92. An oil-delivery assembly 152 is shown centrally mounted within the oxygen-supply housing 16 by means of a spider or centering ring 154. The fuel-delivery assembly 152 is shown to include an inlet body portion 155, a central body portion 156, and a burner tip portion 158. Body portion 155 includes a mounting fixture 271 for effectuating a seal with a rear lip portion 75 of the tip 62 of hollow shell 56. Mounting fixture 271 includes an outer end 350 and an opposite inner end 352 facing chamber 56. Threaded portion 232 and limit rib 234 of removable collar 22 cooperate to support burner tip portion 158 in an installed position within the inlet opening 34. Thus, to convert staged oxygen burner assembly 10 from a gas-fired unit to an oil-fired unit, it is necessary only to remove collar 22 from rear lip portion 75 of hollow shell 56, pull nozzle 20 from chamber 56, insert fuel-delivery assembly 152 into passageway so that burner tip portion extends through inlet opening 34, and couple collar 22 to rear lip portion 75 and mounting fixture 271. A central fuel-oil